

Hawaii Department of Human Services
Social Services Division/Child Welfare Services Branch

Request for Information (RFI) Concerning Administrative Support & Guidance
for the Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition (HFYC)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking information and comments about its planned purchase of service to provide financial management, organizational, administrative, programmatic, support and guidance to the Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition (HFYC), including the receipt and disbursement of funds from DHS.

HFYC is a state-based youth advisory board to DHS comprised of youth who were or currently are in foster care with DHS. [For the balance of this RFI, youth who were or currently are in foster care with DHS shall be referred to as “youth”.] HFYC is a youth lead organization that assists youth in the foster care system to see the infinite pathways and possibilities of their lives through advising and advocating for opportunities that will allow youth to enjoy a productive present and successful future.

Activities required of the HFYC include:

- Outreach to and engagement of youth regarding participation in the DHS Independent Living Program (ILP) and HFYC
- Provision of a venue and forum for youth to exchange ideas, develop leadership skills and form informal support systems
- Review and comment on existing and planned DHS ILP events, programs and procedures
- Participation in DHS sponsored training for staff, foster parents and community stakeholders
- Development & implementation for agenda, schedules and logistics for the DHS sponsored Statewide Independent Living Conference
- Outreach to youth who have or may run away from DHS foster care placement
- Periodic activity reports to DHS
- Other activities as mutually agreed

Interested parties may submit information until May 9, 2006, to Trisha Chung by fax (808) 586-5606 or email tchung@dhs.hawaii.gov

Participation in the Request for Information process is optional and NOT required to respond to any subsequent procurement. Neither DHS nor any interested parties have any obligations under this Request for Information.